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Dear Dr. Jaffe:

RE: Docket #98P-0203/CP

I am writing to urge the FDA to make a decision to BAN forced molting, which is not only cruel but increases the spread of Salmonella Enteritidis infection. Please grant the petition filed under Docket #98P-0203/CP.

As you are probably aware, during forced molting:
hens are starved for up to two weeks straight
hens tend to gorge themselves and choke on the feed as they try to eat
water is denied for up to three days
hens are starved until their combs turn blue or they die
some hens are given drugs to shock them into producing more eggs
many hens die of shock during the forced molting period.

Great Britain banned forced molting over ten years ago.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

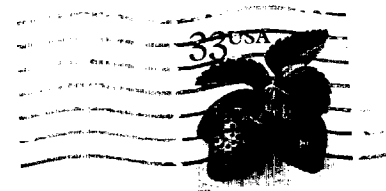
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